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# THE COMMONWEALTH.

## KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE.

We found the following "degree" at the door of the Senate Chamber. Presuming that it is a loss to somebody, we embalm it in the columns of our paper. It is a reliable document. Read and reflect:

### FIRST DEGREE.

K. G. C.

[INSTRUCTIONS: Castle.—This should be composed of two rooms—i. e., hall and ante-room.]

Officers.—Captain, Lieutenant, Inspector, Guide, Sergeant, Secretary, and Treasurer. (Elected by members, and hold their places according to will of Castle.)

Dress.—Blue flannel shirt over vest and in pantaloons. Captains—red cotton sash around waist; Lieutenant—blue; Inspector—white; Guide—yellow; Sergeant—black; Secretary—white, over right and under left shoulder; Treasurer—yellow, in same way.

Arms.—Captain—sword; Lieutenant—none; Inspector—sword; Guide—musket; Sergeant—sword; Secretary and Treasurer—none.]

### OPENING.

CAPTAIN.—Officers clothe yourselves and take your stations.

LIEUTENANT.—All persons present who have not been duly initiated into this Order will please retire into the ante-room.

INSPECTOR.—Guide, please satisfy yourself that all present are Knights of the Golden Circle.

GUIDE.—[After satisfying himself that all are K. G. C.'s, faces Captain, gives true sign of K. G. C., and answers.] The word is right Captain.

CAP.—Prove it. [Here the Captain and the whole castle rise to their feet, and make all the signs of the degree, after which the Captain gives the word and says]: Soldiers, I declare this castle fully open for business. Inspector, Guide and Treasurer repair to the ante-room, and duly examining the candidates.

### ANTE-ROOM WORK.

GUIDE.—Gentlemen, please rise to your feet that you may be numbered and examined, as all K. G. C.'s have heretofore been.

INS.—[Having given each his number will ask of each the following questions:] No.—what is your name?

Where were you born?

What is your height?

Your age?

Color of your hair?

Your trade or profession?

[The answers to these questions are communicated by the Guide to the Sergeant who repeats the same aloud, and Secretary records them.]

INS.—Before conducting you into our Castle, I am ordered to give you a brief idea of the nature of this organization. It is a powerful military Order of Knighthood, which looks to the expansion of Anglo-Americanism; to strengthening the South, and therefore by the whole scheme of American civilization. We look to the fostering of our interest; the protection of the constitutional liberty bequeathed to us by our fathers; the opening of new markets, and furnishing new avenues for the sober and industrious laboring man, and in doing this we hope to form a common association to better the fortunes of each and every one of our members. We interfere with no man's politics or religion, and if you should not like our work, after understanding it, you can resign at any moment and receive again your fees. Again, by becoming members we shall not compel you to go into the field against your will and consent. We never had affiliation with any political party, but have constantly tried to stand aloof from all. To guard ourselves against imposters, I shall ask you each to hold up your right hands.

GUIDE.—Gentlemen, do you each sincerely affirm on your word of honor as gentlemen, before God, and in the presence of these witnesses, that you will faithfully answer such reasonable questions as we may ask you? (Each must answer "Yes")

INS.—Gentlemen, you who have come here in good faith to benefit yourselves and your country will please hold up your right hands.

No.—have you any military experience?

Will you defend your constitutional rights?

Will you in time of war spare and defend all old men, women, and children, and the sick and disabled?

In a conflict between the North and the South, which side will you espouse?

Do you believe the white man to be superior to the negro?

Do you believe the United States Constitution recognizes slave property?

Do you believe the South has a right to demand protection for that kind, as well as other property?

Do you believe it right in the people of one section to made war on the institutions of another section?

Do you believe the abolition societies of the North are right and proper?

If you find the K. G. C. a lawful body, looking to the spread of Americanism, the protection of the southern citizen in all his rights of property and person, will you assist us in extending it?

TEASER.—Gentlemen, your answers are satisfactory. I will now take your fee, which is one dollar each, and then order a vote on your cases; if you are rejected we shall return your money.

[Each candidate here pays his fees.]

INS.—Guide, ask a vote on the case of these gentlemen.

[Guide passes the order in; the Inspector and Treasurer pass in and take their places; Captain orders a vote; if there be three negative signs, the party shall be so informed and his money returned at once. Vote being over, candidates are brought in and placed in a line facing the Captain—on seats, it to be had.]

### INITIATION.

GUIDE, (in his place).—Captain—I present to you these worthy gentlemen, who desire to be united with us in the work of our Order of Knighthood.

CAPT.—Gentlemen, we have heard your answers to the numerous questions that have been propounded to you, and we are satisfied that you are qualified to receive the first degree of our Order. You are entering on a career that will try both your courage and your patriotism. Do you believe the Bible to be the revealed will of God to man?—if so hold up your right hands.

TEASER.—We all believe in the Bible as the revealed will of God, and derive our faith from its precepts. This Order is founded on the leading idea that this whole continent ought to be preserved from all tyranny, fanaticism and false doctrines, as the sacred home of the poor and oppressed of all nations; and to preserve it, no foreign power should be allowed to interfere with the destiny of any of the nationalities of this continent.

INS.—A close observance of the principles of justice and the rights of persons and property greatly distinguished the framers of our constitution, and as long as no fanaticism and false teachings were fulminated by corrupt men, we had peace and harmony between the citizens of every section of our country. Those were the Golden days of American Liberty.

SEC.—At the time of the adoption of the American Constitution all the States of the Confederation were slaveholding save one, and that was largely engaged in the African slave trade. No southern State ever engaged in that traffic.

TEASER.—Slave labor could not be made profitably north of 36° 30', and the slaves of those States were sold southward. Boston, New York, and Newport, R. I., were formerly great slave marts. Northern merchants made by the slave trade previous to 1807, when the trade was closed, no less than twenty-five hundred millions of dollars. Yet, the sons of these very men are the parties striving to destroy African slavery in the South.

GUIDE.—The institution of slavery is of very early origin. Abraham, the intimate friend of God, owned over one thousand, and the Almighty recognized his rights of property in them when His angel commanded the African woman, Hagar, to go back to her mistress and subject herself unto her. The moral law recognizes slavery in the command, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's man servant, nor his maid servant," &c. Inspector, what are the teaching on this subject?

INS.—Hear the law which God gave to Moses, in the presence of the whole Jewish nation. (Read Exodus, 21st chapter, verses 1 to 6; and then Leviticus, 25th chapter, and verses 44, 45, and 46; also 1 Timothy, 6th chapter, verses 1 to 5.)

SAC.—Does the Constitution of the United States recognize slavery?

LEUT.—It does most clearly in the matter of representation in Congress—in the return of fugitives from service and otherwise, and it has always been recognized by acts of Congress; the decision of the Supreme Court, and in the common politics of the great majority of all sections.

CAPT.—The African was first enslaved by the Portuguese as early as 1481—eleven years before the discovery of this continent, and 139 years before the first negro had been introduced in the British colonies of North America. There are now four millions in the United States scattered over the southern States. There are three millions in Brazil, and nearly four millions of Peon slaves in Mexico. The productions of these eleven millions of slaves, is six hundred millions of dollars. By and through the manufacture and interchange of these products thirty-five millions of white people in America and Europe gain daily bread. Yet a false philanthropy of the northern people would set these negroes free and allow them to become Moroos in Hayti and Jamaica. They would bring this negro on a par with the white citizen, socially and politically.

GUIDE.—This can never be; since nature has clearly marked their inferiority. The white race or the black must rule, and we prefer that it shall be the white.

LEUT.—Slavery is a conservative institution that guarantees peace and quiet in society, and opposes every innovation on the laws and traditions of our fathers. Where climate and soil will justify, it will flourish and exist.

CAPT.—The only possible chance to maintain a consolidated government in North America is to acquire for the slave States an equal area of territory and the same Congressional representation as the Northern or Free States. If the Southern States are crowded out of the Union the same policy of conquest must be adopted so that we may control the vast trade of the Mississippi and its tributary valleys and the Gulf of Mexico.

INS.—Now, gentlemen, you will understand something of the policy which has given rise to this now powerful organization. We would present a bold front to abolitionists in the South. We would rid the Southern States of free negroes; we would guard these States from servile insurrection and massacre; we would protect ourselves from utter ruin by asserting our rights and maintaining them at all hazards.

GUIDE.—There are three degrees to this Order. The first, Military; the second, Financial; the third, Governmental. We aim to teach you in this degree only what the mere soldier should know. Your membership here does not compel you to take the field with us, but gives you the privilege so to do.

TREAS.—Gentlemen, if you are now willing to belong to such an organization as this, holding such sentiments as we have here enunciated, you will rise to your feet and swear to our obligation, which is intended to violate no principle of law, justice, or morality.

OBLIGATION.

CAPT.—Before God and in the presence of these witnesses I do solemnly and sincerely promise and affirm that I will bear true and faithful allegiance to the Knights of the Golden Circle, provided such allegiance does not conflict with my duties as a citizen of this State. I will conform to the articles of war as promulgated by the American Legion, K. G. C., and obey all lawful rulers and regulations of the same. I further promise that I will constantly oppose the admission of any negro, abolitionist, confirmed drunkard, convict, felon or low and vicious character to membership. I will obey the laws of the United States and of this State, provided the same are consistent with the spirit and letter of the Constitution as interpreted by the Supreme Court. I will not injure a K. G. C., but will benefit him whenever I can, without injuring some one else. I further promise never to reveal the signs, grips, words, or name of this degree to any one except to members of the Order, and then only as hereafter directed. I will not try to create discord or schism in this Order, and should I resign from it, I sincerely swear never to reveal or expose its papers, plans or other private matters pertaining to it. To the faithful performance of all of which I pledge my honor as a man and a gentleman, so help me God. [Each candidate assenting shall kiss the Bible, or affirm as he may prefer.]

TEASER.—Gentlemen, we must now tell you that the first field of our operations is 2; but we hold it to be our duty to offer our services to any Southern State to repel a Northern army. We hope such a contingency may not occur. But whether the Union is reconstructed or not the Southern States must foster any scheme having for its object the Americanization and Southernization of 2, so that in either case our success will be certain.

GUIDE.—Under the laws of 2 every emigrant receives from the authorities a grant of 640 acres of land. Under treaty closed with 2, on the 11th of February, 1860, we are invited to colonize in 2, to enable the best people there to establish a permanent government. We agree to introduce a force of 16,

000 men, armed, equipped and provided, and to take the field under the command of 3, who agrees to furnish an equal number of men, to be officered by K. G. C.'s. To cover the original expense of arming our forces, there is mortgaged to our trustees the right to collect one-half the annual revenues of 4 until we are paid the sum of \$840,000. As a bonus there is also ceded to us 356,000 acres of land. The pay of the army is the same as the regular army of 2, which is about one eighth more than that of the United States. To secure this there is mortgaged to us all the public property of 4, amounting in taxable value to \$23,000,000. 3 is now there making arrangements for our reception. We shall cross over as soon as possible after our own national troubles are settled.

LEUT.—We believe here that it is the duty of every man to exert himself to enable his country, and to demand of that country full protection of himself and family and property. We believe that he should worship God as his conscience dictates. That no monopsony should exist, and that every place should be alike open to all of legal actual merits. Neither money nor birth can make a nobleman—these are made by God alone. Virtue, intelligence and energy are the constituent parts of true nobility. Do your duty as men, and each of you will be a nobleman worthy of any age or country.

TEASER.—The success of our Order will give you each a competence and provide the basis for a proud national fabric in which the oppressed of all nations may dwell—a veritable people's empire.

SEC.—Let all be educated and let all education be free and practical. Take the poor boy and girl from the plow and the loom and place them on the highroads to fame and wealth. Let us each demonstrate by our daily lives that we believe in the great ideas of our Order.

SAC.—The moment you are determined to act in bad faith to us, turn your backs on this door, and never again seek to come where only sneers and ridicule will await you. Be true to us and to yourselves, and our arms and hearts shall always be open to protect and advise you.

GUIDE.—We beg you to reflect on what we have undertaken. The invasion of a nation by a new and vigorous race—the overthrow of old social systems, and the establishment of new ones—the disarming of hostile factions and the erection of peace establishments—the overthrow of prejudice, and the indoctrination of the people with new ideas of progress and prosperity—the stripping society of its gew gaw show, and the substitution of the real beneficiaries of life. Brothels, these things cannot be done in a day. Time is the element of success. It will do to hurry when we are in the field, not now. Everything must be done in the best way. The best men are the most stable; and such will not hurry us too much, but, having measured their strength and the force to be overcome, they take hold with energy and work on to the end.

And now, sirs, what have you to gain by this work? Some of you are idle; some are surfeited with abundance; some are sickly for want of labor; some are dissipated; some are industrious; some poor; some ambitious, and some patriotic and humane. The K. G. C. open for you new fields of industry and enterprise. It gives you the quarry from which to hew out the statues of your own fortunes. It erects the temple of fame high, and asks you to ascend to the summit. It tells you that it seeks the good of man and your country. It tells you that your flag is glorious, and that you can and should keep it so; that the land is inviting and pleasant to look upon; that the earth is groaning to be delivered of her treasures; that there is fortune, fame, wealth, and glory for you. It tells you to plant your flag and your schools on every hill top and in every valley; to make 2 shine once more in the galaxy of nations. Look at our laws. Scan our plan of government. Study our organization. See our force; and then tell us if you, too, will wear the cross of honor? Tell us if you are willing to help direct the events of the age; if your sires did not set the example, and if the world does not honor them. This continent belongs to one people; that is the Anglo-American. If our teachings have made an impression on the American mind, it only proves that those teachings were right and just. Give close attention to our ceremonial, for by this alone can you gain admittance into one of our castles.

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CAPT.—Before God and in the presence of these witnesses I do solemnly and sincerely promise and affirm that I will bear true and faithful allegiance to the Knights of the Golden Circle, provided such allegiance does not conflict with my duties as a citizen of this State. I will conform to the articles of war as promulgated by the American Legion, K. G. C., and obey all lawful rulers and regulations of the same. I further promise that I will constantly oppose the admission of any negro, abolitionist, confirmed drunkard, convict, felon or low and vicious character to membership. I will obey the laws of the United States and of this State, provided the same are consistent with the spirit and letter of the Constitution as interpreted by the Supreme Court. I will not injure a K. G. C., but will benefit him whenever I can, without injuring some one else. I further promise never to reveal the signs, grips, words, or name of this degree to any one except to members of the Order, and then only as hereafter directed. I will not try to create discord or schism in this Order, and should I resign from it, I sincerely swear never to reveal or expose its papers, plans or other private matters pertaining to it. To the faithful performance of all of which I pledge my honor as a man and a gentleman, so help me God. [Each candidate assenting shall kiss the Bible, or affirm as he may prefer.]

TEASER.—Gentlemen, we must now tell you that the first field of our operations is 2; but we hold it to be our duty to offer our services to any Southern State to repel a Northern army. We hope such a contingency may not occur. But whether the Union is reconstructed or not the Southern States must foster any scheme having for its object the Americanization and Southernization of 2, so that in either case our success will be certain.

GUIDE.—Under the laws of 2 every emigrant receives from the authorities a grant of 640 acres of land. Under treaty closed with 2, on the 11th of February, 1860, we are invited to colonize in 2, to enable the best people there to establish a permanent government. We agree to introduce a force of 16,

000 men, armed, equipped and provided, and to take the field under the command of 3, who agrees to furnish an equal number of men, to be officered by K. G. C.'s. To cover the original expense of arming our forces, there is mortgaged to our trustees the right to collect one-half the annual revenues of 4 until we are paid the sum of \$840,000. As a bonus there is also ceded to us 356,000 acres of land. The pay of the army is the same as the regular army of 2, which is about one eighth more than that of the United States. To secure this there is mortgaged to us all the public property of 4, amounting in taxable value to \$23,000,000. 3 is now there making arrangements for our reception. We shall cross over as soon as possible after our own national troubles are settled.

LEUT.—It is true that there are some four or five companies ordered into camp by the Governor of Virginia, on the Kanawha River, but with no purpose of overawing Union men or interfering with their lawful pursuits. A large majority of these troops, as I have been informed and verify believe, are Union-loving men. The gentlemen who compose these companies are not volunteers to fight against the troops of the United States. They compose, under the laws of Virginia, the militia of that State, and are subject to the orders of the Governor thereof. It is true the Governor may direct them to any part of the State, and for any service that he may think for the best interests of Virginia, yet from information which I believe entirely reliable, the Governor ordered these troops into encampment for no other purpose than to protect the people in those peaceful and lawful pursuits in that part of the State. No person or persons, therefore, need have the least apprehension of either person or property in the Kanawha Valley from these troops, or from the citizens of that part of Virginia.

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## UNION DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR CONGRESS 5TH DISTRICT,  
JOHN J. CRITTENDEN.

Election takes place 20th of June.

FOR STATE TREASURER,  
JAMES H. GARRARD.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE,  
RICHARD C. ANDERSON.

Election takes place First Monday in August.

## THE CAMPAIGN COMMONWEALTH.

We will send our paper to subscribers from this time until the August election, on the following terms, for cash in advance, viz:

Weekly Commonwealth, for 25 cents.

Tri-weekly Commonwealth, for 50 cents.

These terms are certainly low enough to enable any true Union man to read our paper. Now, friends of the Union and Constitution, send in your names and money, either for a year or for the campaign.

The people of Franklin county, in days gone by, have had many bitter partisan conflicts upon mere questions of party policy; they have, always had decided convictions, and have never hesitated, upon all proper occasions, to express them by their votes. But we are proud to be able to say that in regard to the Congressional canvass, there are many of John J. Crittenden's old political opponents who intend to forget party and look to the interest of their country. If it were proper, we could give the names of scores who will, for the first time, vote for Mr. Crittenden. This is as it should be. The questions before the people are of vital moment. The country is involved in an unfortunate dreadful civil war. Immense armies are in the field, about to engage in deadly combat. A conflict is on hand, which may result in the utter destruction not only of our Government, but of every national interest of the people. Each citizen has a deep and vital interest in everything which affects the peace of the country. If we are to have a long and bloody war, every trade and profession will suffer. Therefore, the true patriot will not stop to inquire what have been the past political associations of a candidate? The materials questions are: Is he a patriot? Is he for peace? If he is elected can he exert any influence in the Congress of the United States towards effecting a settlement of existing difficulties? Who of the two candidates now before the people—Crittenden or Simms—will exert the most influence in this direction? There can be but one answer to these questions. No candid, honorable man, will fail to admit that, if answered truthfully, they indicate the duty of all good men to vote for John J. Crittenden. Simms can exert no influence in the Congress of the United States with the Representatives of the North. No northern man will be disposed to accommodate him. In every speech which he has made, he has developed the most intense and bitter hatred of the people of the North. His speeches have always been of the most inflammatory and denunciatory "blood and thunder" character. He is regarded by northern men and very properly too—as a rampant fire-eating disunionist, who regards it as a "poor pitiful thing" to live in the Union. Every candid man will admit that this is the reputation which Simms has made. If elected, he will go to Washington to increase—not lessen—our difficulties. He will go there to denounce and abuse, not to conciliate. This being true, how can any patriot vote for him? How can any citizen honestly desire peace at his vote for him? On the other hand, how is it with John J. Crittenden. His have always been the words of peace and conciliation. He has never been denunciatory—while boldly contending for additional guarantees for the institution of slavery—he has yet so demeaned himself—the tone and style of his speeches have been of such a character—as to endear him to the men of all parties. He is beloved and respected by all. His patriotism is unquestioned by any. And if there be in all this broad land an American citizen whose influence is co-extensive with the whole Union—whose words of peace and compromise will be heeded by all sections—that man is John J. Crittenden. All true men must concede this, and every conscientious man will admit that his influence for good in the next Congress will be a million fold greater than that of Wm. E. Simms. It is such considerations as these which will influence hundreds of old political opponents in this county to vote for him on to-morrow. All honor to the men who can, in such a cause as this, forget party, and look to the interests of peace and compromise.

### Look at This.

It has been charged that William E. Simms, after his return from the session of the last Congress, said that HE HAD RATHER GO TO THE PENITENTIARY THAN TO GO BACK TO WASHINGTON AS A MEMBER OF CONGRESS. This charge has never been denied by him nor by any of his friends.

Those, therefore, who desire to have the Ashland district represented in the next Congress, will vote for Hon. John J. Crittenden, and let Mr. Simms go where his fancy leads him.

Do you desire to perpetuate the blessings of civil and religious liberty? If you do, vote for Crittenden to-morrow.

### Secession Cant.

"We are fighting for our liberties," say the secessionists in the seceded States. We will not undertake to say what liberties they were deprived of before secession commenced, but will content ourselves with enumerating a few liberties which have been lost to them through the damnable heresy of secession:

1. They have lost the liberty of free speech, the dearest right of a freeman. They dare not speak except in one way. The tyranny and cruelties of Caligula and Nero were tender mercies compared with the reign of terror now pervading the seceded States.

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The largest gathering of people that ever assembled in Lawrenceburg, met there on Monday last, to pay the last sad tribute of respect to the lamented William W. Penny.

Haly's Cornet Band went from this city, and a large number of the Masons and Odd Fellows, of this city, were there. Also many from this place who belonged to neither order.

We noticed in the procession the Masons and Odd Fellows of Woodford county, and also a Cavalry company, numbering ninety-seven, from Mortonsville, in that county. Many citizens of Woodford were also in attendance.

The ceremonies were most solemn and impressive. The entire crowd seemed deeply affected, expressing by words and looks the high esteem in which the deceased was held by all who knew him. So sudden was the summons, that we can hardly realize the dreadful truth. But he is gone, and let us hope that—

"After life's fitful fever, he sleeps well."

May the grass wave green above his early grave, and may a kind Providence temper, with mercy, this affliction to those left behind to whom he was near and dear while he was with us.

Men of the Ashland district, you have an important work to do to-morrow. The venerable Crittenden, who has served you faithfully and ably in your national councils, the early companion and friend of Clay, has responded to the earnest call of the friends of the Union, in this hour of our country's peril, and has consented to run for Congress. To-morrow the people of this Congressional district are to decide between John J. Crittenden and William E. Simms. The first is striving to preserve that glorious government, which the latter is seeking to pull down over your heads. The first has been tried in times of danger, and found faithful and competent. The latter has been tried and found wanting in all the attributes which should distinguish a statesman for the present crisis. He was one of the most active of that band of reckless politicians who inaugurated the secession movement. Men of the Ashland district, choose ye between the two.

Go and see the FLAG RAISED.—This evening, at half past 6 o'clock, a large flag will be raised on a high pole, on the burnt corner, opposite the old Post-office, in Frankfort. Haly's Brass Band will enliven the ceremonies with the Star Spangled Banner, Hail Columbia, Yankee Doodle, and other appropriate music.

Every lady, gentleman, girl and boy in the community, are invited to be present.

Patriotic and stirring speeches will be delivered. Come one! come all! This is the last flag that will be raised before the election on Thursday.

Friends of Crittenden and the Union, come out en masse and cheer the flag as it unfolds itself to the breeze.

We should like to see South Carolina erected into a principality, and Knight Bickley appointed as its King. Then let every South Carolinian have a peacock, a gold lace coat, with a forked tail, and an office. As nature failed to make them noblemen, let the tailor do it. They despise a republican form of government, and are anxious for a monarchy. Can't Queen Vic. spare them one of her scions until they can raise some of their own?

Beware—No doubt that many Knights of the Golden Circle will attempt to smuggle themselves into the next Legislature as Union men. They are all for armed neutrality now, but they will be for armed resistance to the Federal Government if ever they obtain the power and the arms. Look out for them, Union men. Don't mind what a man says he is, but see what he has been.

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